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EXCISE DUTY EVASION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Directorate General of Centra! Excise Intelligence (DGCEI) has recently unearthed large scale evasion of excise duty as reported in the Times of India dated July 30, 2007;

(b) If so, the quantum of loss the government has to incur on account of this evasion; and

(c) the action taken against such companies and the amount recovered?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

a) Yes, Sir. The Directorate General of Central Excise Intelligence (DGCEI) has recently unearthed excise duty evasion by M/s Parmarth Iron Private Limited, Bijnore (U.P.) in the month of July, 2007.

b) The amount of duty evaded in the case is estimated to be Rs.67 crore.

c) One of the Directors of the Company was arrested on 12lh July 2007, and he is still in judicial custody. Investigations in the case are in progress, on completion of which, further action as per the Central Excise law will be taken. No amount has been recovered so far.